ARKANSAS WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Planting Corn/Sorghum/and Fertilizing Pastures

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RELEASED: April 8, 2002 3:00 p.m.- Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week with rain falling during the end of the week according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Recent rains have slowed field preparations and planting activities. 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 46 percent adequate and 54 percent surplus.

CROPS: Planting corn and sorghum. Fertilizer is being applied to wheat, hay and pastures. Cotton and rice field preparation has begun. Row crop planting is extremely limited due to excessive rainfall. Commercial tomatoes are being bedded and plastic laid.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers were working cattle and continuing to feed hay. Cattle were in good condition with calves being weaned. Pastures are being fertilized and other weed control measures being applied.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
SORGHUM									
Planted	4	11	8						
CORN									
Planted	14	54	42						
WHEAT				4	21	35	34	6	
Headed	0	1	10						
OTH. HAY				1	4	59	34	2	
PASTURE				1	35	38	24	2	

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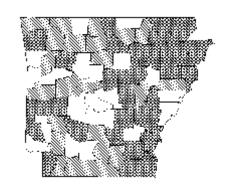
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

April 7, 2002. Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week, with rainfall late in the week. Calico Rock recorded the high temperature of 85° and Harrison recorded the low temperature of 26° . Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.60 inch at Jonesboro and a low of 0.00 inch at several reporting stations.





TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: April 7, 2002

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	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL							
DISTRICT			DEPARTURE	WEEK	CURRENT		JANUARY-MARCH				
AND	HIGH	LOW	FROM	ENDING	APR	APR					
STATION			NORMAL	APR 7	ACCUM.	NORMAL	2002	NORMAL			
1 Fayetteville	75	28	-5	0.00	0.00	4.33	10.23	8.72			
Harrison	76	26	-4	0.00	0.00	4.09	11.85	9.51			
2 Calico Rock	85	27	-5	0.00	0.00	4.36	19.64	10.43			
Greers Ferry	79	35	-5	0.00	0.00	5.02	16.62	11.94			
Mountain Home	78	32	-5	0.00	0.00	4.13	18.13	10.22			
3 Batesville	77	32	-6	0.10	0.10	4.76	15.06	11.10			
Jonesboro	75	34	-6	0.60	0.60	4.99	14.72	11.30			
Keiser	76	31	-6	0.00	0.00	4.90	17.32	12.34			
Newport	75	37	-5	0.00	0.00	5.01	14.84	11.63			
4 Booneville	80	34	na	0.00	0.00	4.32	18.53	10.38			
Clarksville	78	37	-3	0.00	0.00	4.48	19.85	10.20			
Dardanelle	81	33	-5	0.19	0.19	4.24	15.59	10.94			
Ft. Smith	79	34	-3	0.14	0.14	3.91	17.03	8.90			
Mena	74	33	-4	0.25	0.25	5.20	17.28	12.13			
Ozark	77	36	-5	0.00	0.00	3.63	21.04	10.03			
5 Conway	77	36	na	0.00	0.00	5.00	18.28	11.20			
Hot Springs	82	33	-3	0.00	0.00	5.31	16.91	12.94			
Little Rock	77	36	na	0.11	0.11	5.47	15.37	11.82			
N Little Rock	79	39	-4	0.16	0.16	5.03	15.58	11.52			
6 Brinkley	75	37	-4	0.16	0.16.	5.19	16.64	12.45			
Marianna	75	36	-5	0.00	0.00	5.30	16.67	13.62			
Stuttgart	75	38	-6	0.00	0.00	5.29	17.20	4.84			
7 Hope	78	33	-4	0.01	0.01	4.89	17.26	13.12			
Texarkana	80	37	-2	0.00	0.00	3.95	14.15	10.97			
8 Camden	80	41	-3	0.00	0.00	4.63	11.29	13.82			
El Dorado	81	34	-4	0.07	0.07	4.55	13.80	14.32			
Warren	76	35	-5	0.03	0.03	5.13	14.79	15.48			
9 Eudora	80	40	-5	0.50	0.50	6.15	21.13	16.72			
Pine Bluff	79	38	-5	0.00	0.00	5.14	19.20	13.29			
Rohwer	76	38	-5	0.03	0.03	5.07	16.85	14.61			

na = data not available